

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A spindle for braiding machine of the type including a spindle foot , a stem that threads a reel of thread, a disc that can rotate around said stem, a thread support-guide that slides on columns that support a tube or capsule at the top end of which there is hinged a collapsible and raisable part that secures the top end of said reel, with said capsule housing a spring including an inner core that via a rod arranged head to head with said core controls the up and down movement of said thread support-guide that by means of a tensing wire activates a lever and releases said disc, characterised in that in said capsule an opening in the said wall of the tube or capsule has been provided with adequate dimensions so as to introduce and remove therethrough said spring from an inner housing in said capsule that houses it.

2. (Previously Presented) The spindle of claim 1, characterised in that it includes an element , a single piece made from treated steel, acting as the reel head and in which a projection of said collapsible and raisable part is introduced.

3. (Previously Presented) The spindle of claim 1, characterised in that it includes a washer, arranged coaxially to said stem and which is positioned between the discoidal plate and the base of the spindle, preventing wear and tear.

4. (Previously Presented) The spindle of claim 3, characterised in that each of the ends of the reel include a bushing to prevent erosion of the stem when the ensemble rotates.

5. (New) The spindle of claim 2, characterised in that it includes a washer arranged coaxially to said stem, and which is positioned between the discoidal plate and the base of the spindle, preventing wear and tear.